

**Remarks**

The numbering of the claims in Applicant's response to Final Office Action was found by the Examiner to be non-compliant. Consequently amended claims 40-45 and 48 and withdrawn claims 46-47 and 49-58 have been refiled as claims 59-64 and 67, and 65-66 and 68-77, respectively. No new subject matter has been added.

### Summary

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submit that this case is in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable consideration leading to prompt issuance of this Application is earnestly solicited.

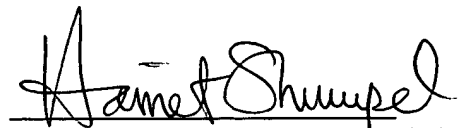
Applicant believes that a request for extension is not required. However, Applicant's authorize that any deficiencies be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-0740.

Respectfully submitted,

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